Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph that begins on page 1, line 2 of the Specification as follows:

This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/708,199, filed November 8, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,667,316, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/590,344, filed June 8, 2000, now abandoned, ~~the disclosure~~ both of which ~~is~~ are incorporated herein by reference in ~~its entirety~~ their entireties.